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1. MARTINS GUERREIRO CALLED ON DEFENSE MINISTER ANDREOTTI AND SOCIALIST PARTY SECRETARY DE MARTINO JUNE 25. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE CONVERSATION WITH ANDREOTTI FOCUSSED ON PORTUGUESE RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. WITH DE MARTINO, MARTINS GUERREIRO REPEATED HIS EARLIER (REFTEL) PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS CONCERNING THE RECENT DECISIONS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTIONG A SOCIALIST SOCIETY WITH FULL RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY AND PLURALISM.

2. DURING COURSE OF JUNE 24 PRESS CONFERENCE, MARTINS GUERREIRO IS REPORTED TO HAVE REMARKED THAT GOP SUPPORT OF NATIONALIZED PRESS IN PORTUGAL COSTS FORTY MILLION ESCUDOS A YEAR BUT THAT, NEVERTHELESS, THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT "GUARANTEES, AND WILL CONTINUE TO GUARANTEE, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS FOR ALL NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE OPPOSITION." HE REMARKED THAT PORTUGAL WOULD KEEP ITS ROLE IN NATO "AWAITING THE FINAL DISMANTLING OF ALL OPPOSING MILITARY BLOCS."VOLPE

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